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D. Remarks

Rejection of Claims 1, 2, and 25 Under 35 U.S.C. §102 based on *Yoshihara et al.* (U.S. Pub No. 2003/0132525 A1).

5 To address this ground for rejection, Applicant's establish invention of the subject matter of claims 1, 2, and 25 prior to the effective date of *Yoshihara et al.* (see the attached "Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §131" and supporting Disclosure Document with translation).

10 The present claims 1-2 and 25 are believed to be in allowable form. It is respectfully requested that the application be forwarded for allowance and issue.

Respectfully Submitted,



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